

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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VILLAGE ON RAIL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways with the Ministry of Tourism has begun drafting a blue-print for the 'Village-on-Rails' project;
- (b) if so, the details of the project; and
- (c) the time by which the draft of said project is likely to be ready and implemented in the Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Railways has launched a new special tourist train called the 'Village on Wheels' consisting of sleeper class coaches to run on pre- determined circuits to enable tourists from different regions to visit important places of religious, cultural and historical importance at an affordable cost as a comprehensive package including boarding and lodging, sightseeing, local transport, meals etc. The first train has been flagged off on 29/11/2004 in the following circuit:

Rajendra Nagar - Patna - Varanasi -Agra - Mathura - Delhi -Jammu Tawi (Vaishno Devi) - Amritsar - Haridwar (Rishikesh) - Patna - Rajendra Nagar.

It is a 9-days trip with an all inclusive tariff of Rs. 4,500/- per passenger.